

Colby House
110 Delaware Street
New Castle, Delaware

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COLBY HOUSE
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware.

Owner: Miss Ruth Colby

Date of Erection: About 1694, Addition in early 18th Century.

Present Condition: Good. Recent repairs and restoration.

Number of Stories: Older portion in the rear, one and one half stories.

Materials of Construction: Cellar and foundation, stone.
Brick walls above wood joists, rafters and floors, paneling and trim.

Other Existing Records: Recorder of Deeds Office of New Castle County, and diaries in possession of Richard S. Rodney of New Castle.

Additional Data: The rear portion, 13' X 18' of brick, originally with winding stairs to second story, large fireplace and chimney, single upper room. No cellar. First floor one step above ground level. Joists of hardwood, 6" X 8", 30" on centers, originally whitewashed, and from the thickness of present remaining coats, whitewashing must have been done frequently for a long period of time. Rafters now sheathed on the inside, with broad boards. The front portion of the house has interesting paneling in both stories. The old sash in this part has been removed. There is an interesting original cornice on the street front, and a projecting belt course. This house is interesting as it is one of the typical early colonial, smaller residences in New Castle. The addition of a larger structure in front of a smaller, lower and earlier building, once the entire dwelling, and afterwards, a service wing, is also typical of the very early houses.

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Hester H. Blake

District Officer for Delaware.

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